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EARTH MOVES AT SKYSONG Water, sewer and storm drain designs have been approved by the city and permits have been issued for Phase I of SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center. Grading activity has begun and underground pipe material and water/sewer/storm drain installation and additional utility and other improvements will be on-going for the next several months. Footing and foundation work of the first building (approximately 157,000 sq.ft.) should begin in late September. Street improvements,

landscaping and other site amenities will follow and overall site improvements will be completed by late spring-early summer 2007.

On Thursday, August 24, Scottsdale's Development Review Board (DRB) approved the architecture/design and elevations for Phase III of the SkySong, ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center. The development team for the project is proceeding with plans for Phase II, 1.2 million square feet of research, office and retail space. Phase III is an addition to those plans.

SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center, is located on the southeast corner of McDowell and Scottsdale Roads. The city owns 42 acres and is leasing 37 acres of the site to the Arizona State University Foundation for the SkySong development. Additional project information and architectural renderings can be found at www.scottsdaleaz.gov/ASUScottsdale/Default.asp. For more information, Kroy Ekblaw, Executive Assistant to Strategic Projects, (480) 312-7064, kekblaw@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION INITIATES NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNATION PROCESS

In October, the city's Historic Preservation Commission will consider Scottsdale Estates 4 for historic district designation. Scottsdale Estates 4, located west of Coronado High School, contains 124 brick single-family homes built by Hallcraft. This is the third 1950s era neighborhood to be considered for historic district designation. Village Grove and Town and Country were both designated historic districts in February 2005. Two open houses will be conducted in September, followed by an Historic Preservation Commission public hearing in October. The Scottsdale City Council will consider recommendations in December. For more information, Don Meserve, (480) 312-2523, dmeserve@ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR THE GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER Residents are invited to attend the grand opening celebration of the new Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14. The event includes an official dedication, a dance, tours and various classroom/activity demonstrations. The Granite Reef Senior Center hosts more than 20 different support groups, 38 open recreational activities, 16 scheduled card games and 48 specialty recreation classes. The new center is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information, (480) 312-1700.

GREEN BUILDING WORKSHOP Discover how using green building materials can save you money at the next Green Building Program workshop on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the city's Community Design Studio, 7506 E. Indian School Road. At the workshop, participants will get an overview of green building checklist requirements including incentives, benefits, strategies and materials compatible with the Sonoran Desert environment. Workshops are held the first Thursdays of the month and are free to the public. For more information, (480) 312-2245, <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/greenbuilding/default.asp?catID=5&linkID=101&lType=1>.

THROW A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY Get your neighbors involved in your neighborhood by throwing a block party. Join other Scottsdale residents and city staff on Thursday, September 7 at this year's Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Kick-Off event at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St., from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The kick-off will provide neighborhood party planners with all the tools needed for a successful G.A.I.N. night party. G.A.I.N. block parties will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the city. For more information, Carrie Abts, citizen advisor, (480) 312-2342, cabts@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

MOST CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY Although most city offices will be closed for Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 4), city workers will still collect trash as scheduled. For more information, (480) 312-5600.

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